

REMARKS

Claims 98-140 are canceled herein, without prejudice to full or partial submission thereof in one or more continuation applications.

A proposed drawing correction is submitted with this Amendment to overcome examiner's objection to the drawings for use of the same reference character to designate both "cap body" and "guard member." Designation of the latter is changed herein to -- 65' --. The proposed drawing correction is shown on a marked-up copy labeled "Annotated Sheet Showing Changes" to comply with the revised amendment practice of 37 CFR 1.121. In addition, the specification is amended herein by submitting a replacement paragraph to show the correction.


The specification is further amended by submission of other replacement paragraphs to reflect the fact that related application Serial No. 09/190,764 matured into patent No. US 6,208,741, issued March 27, 2001.

Examiner's objection to the specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for claimed subject matter is believed to be inapplicable since claim 109, the subject of the objection, is canceled by this Amendment.

In view of the above amendments, and the examiner's allowance of claims 1-97, which are now the only remaining claims in this application, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. A Replacement Sheet for the corrected drawing will be filed as soon as the correction is approved by the examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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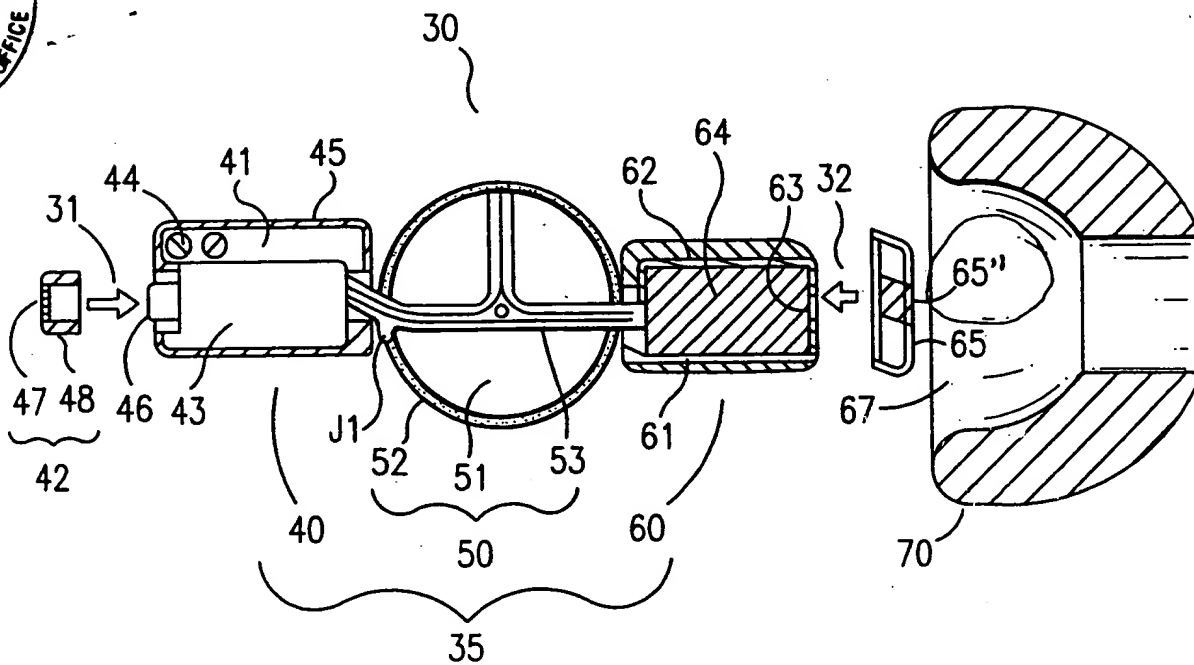


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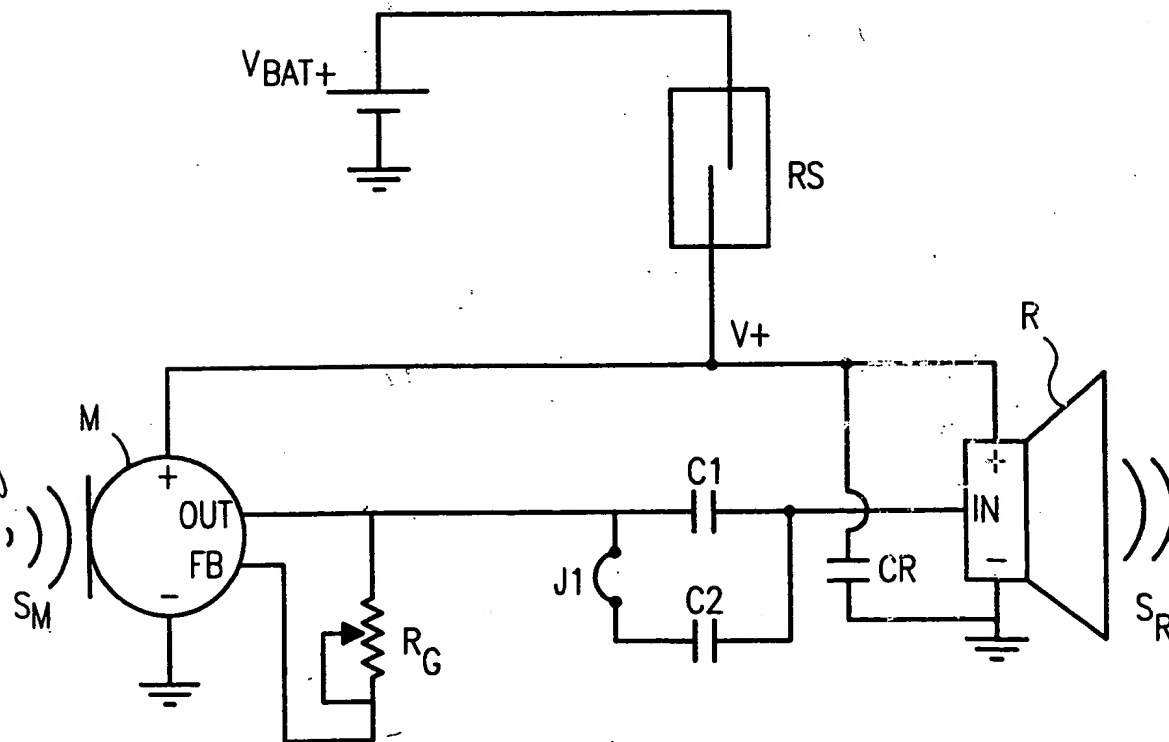


FIG. 8